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SUBJECT: USN ACCESS TO STORES BASIN AND FUEL DEPOT IN
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REF: A) WELLINGTON 0568; B) CANBERRA 1410;
C) SINGAPORE 0907.

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1. DEPT PROPOSES TO USE FOLLOWING IN RESPONSE TO ANY
PRESS QUERIES REGARDING NEWSPAPER STORIES REPORTED REFS
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QUESTION: "CAN YOU COMMENT ON RECENT FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS CLAIMING THAT THE U.S. IS PRESSING AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND TO TAKE OVER NAVAL BASE FACILITIES THAT THE BRITISH ARE WITHDRAWING FROM IN SINGAPORE?"

ANSWER: "THERE HAS BEEN NO 'PRESSURE' FROM THE UNITED STATES ON AUSTRALIA OR NEW ZEALAND IN CONNECTION WITH THE NAVAL FACILITIES AT SINGAPORE, WHICH IN ANY CASE ARE UNDER THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE. THESE FACILITIES HAVE BEEN JOINTLY OPERATED BY BRITAIN, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND. SINCE THE BRITISH HAVE DECIDED

TO WITHDRAW FROM SINGAPORE, THERE IS A QUESTION REGARDING THE FUTURE DISPOSITION AND USE OF THESE FACILITIES.

A ANZUS ALLIES, THE U.S., AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND HAVE ALWAYS CONSULTED CLOSELY ON SECURITY MATTERS IN ASIA AND THIS SUBJECT HAS ARISEN IN THE COURSE OF ONGOING CONSULTATIONS AT THE SENIOR WORKING LEVEL."

2. REQUEST ADDRESSEES COMMENTS ON APPROPRIATENESS OF THIS GUIDANCE.

3. REGARDING GUIDANCE SUGGESTED REF C, WE BELIEVE THIS IS MORE DETAILED THAN REQUIRED HERE, BUT HAVE NO OBJECTION TO EMBASSY SINGAPORE USING IT TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS. INGERSOLL

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